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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Utilization of Military SIGINT Reserve Units

1. In response to your inquiry on the National SIGINT Plan regarding the use of Military SIGINT reserve units on operational missions, the following was provided by NSA:

a. Service Cryptologic Agency reserve personnel currently make a modest contribution to on-going SIGINT work. Each Service has such a reserve force and each has plans to increase its activity.

b. Specifically, Naval Security Group (NSG) units are engaged in actual collection and processing of live traffic. The NSG units qualifying for SIGINT support number [] with [] more units preparing for qualification. Each unit has [] positions manned at various periods during nights or on weekends.

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c. Army Security Agency (ASA) and Air Force Security Service (AFSS) reservists contribute to processing of live traffic at NSA, Fort Meade, and the AFSS reservists also work at Medina Air Force Base, Texas. Both ASA and AFSS have plans for reservists to assist active duty personnel with live traffic wherever there is a station sufficiently close to the reserve unit to make this possible.

d. The overall posture of reserve utilization could probably be improved if funding and management arrangements

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were more directly focused on cryptologic reserve assets so as to bring a more coherent emphasis on this specialty in the general structure of military reserve programs.

2. We are informed that NSA has some further ideas for increasing this effort and is encouraged that your interest may be a source of support. We will explore this further with the NSA management in order to determine where we might be able to lend support.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bill

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Here is a quick answer to your inquiry on use of SIGINT reserve units, in case you wish to mention it this afternoon. We will follow up as indicated.



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